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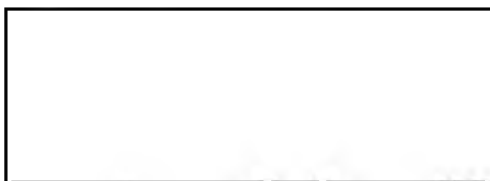


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UN - Middle East: Jarring is starting another round
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UN - MIDDLE EAST: UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MIDDLE EAST JARRING IS LEAVING NEW YORK ON 8 AUGUST FOR MORE TALKS WITH THE PARTIES TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.

ON 10 AUGUST JARRING WILL MEET WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN IN LONDON. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE PRESUMABLY WILL SEEK A MORE SPECIFIC STATEMENT THAN HE HAS MANAGED TO GET IN THE PAST CONCERNING THE BORDERS ISRAEL WOULD AGREE TO AS PART OF A SETTLEMENT.

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AFTER HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH EBAN, JARRING WILL GO TO CAIRO, WHERE HE WILL FORMALLY ASK EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RIYAD CERTAIN QUESTIONS POSED BY THE ISRAELIS. HE WILL ASK WHETHER EGYPT IS PREPARED TO ESTABLISH A STATE OF PEACE AND INCORPORATE IT IN A BINDING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT, AND, ASSUMING AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS OF THE RESOLUTION OF 22 NOVEMBER, WHAT THE NATURE OF FUTURE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WOULD BE.

RIYAD, WHO HAS ALREADY RECEIVED THE QUESTIONS INDIRECTLY, HAS SAID THAT THEY ADD "NOTHING NEW" TO THE SITUATION. IN A DISCUSSION WITH US DIPLOMATS IN CAIRO, HOWEVER, HE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT "BE BASHFUL" IN RESPONDING AND IN ASKING QUESTIONS OF ITS OWN. HE REMINDED THEM THAT EGYPT HAD RECEIVED NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE WHEN IT INQUIRED THROUGH JARRING HOW THE ISRAELIS INTERPRETED THE "SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARY" CONCEPT. HE ALSO SAID THAT EGYPT COULD NOT "AT THIS STAGE" ALTER ITS OPPOSITION TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

JARRING FEELS THAT THE ISRAELIS SHOULD SHIFT THEIR FOCUS AND TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT FIRST, RATHER THAN CONCENTRATING EFFORTS ON JORDAN. HE BELIEVES THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR HIS MAKING PROGRESS ON THIS TRIP DEPEND ON WHAT EBAN TELLS HIM ON 10 AUGUST. AFTER MEETING WITH EBAN AND RIYAD, HE INTENDS TO GO TO AMMAN FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RIFAI. HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO RETURN TO NEW YORK UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER, WHEN THE 23RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS. [REDACTED]

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